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Happy New Year!

# New officers named for fire department

**By Barbara Rollins-Reed**

The new leaders of the Poquoson Volunteer Fire Department will assume their duties January 1.

Each year the organization elects a slate of officers in three areas: fire fighting, administration, and rescue squad.

### Fire fighting officers

Fire fighting officers have the responsibility of directing and maintaining the overall operation of the fire department.

Jack W. Holloway was elected as fire fighting chief in 1982, to fill the unexpired term vacated by Gordon Helsel who resigned to become a city councilmember.

Holloway was re-elected as Fire Chief for 1983. He is a lifetime resident of Poquoson and has been involved in the fire department operation for 28 years. He served as fire chief from 1970 to 1975 and has held several other offices, including assistant chief and administrative secretary. He, and his wife Joyce Butler Holloway, live on Poquoson Avenue.

The other 1983 fire fighting officers are: Dave Holloway - First Assistant Chief, Marshall Powell - Second Assistant Chief, David Hargrave - Captain, and Phillip Guthrie - Lieutenant.

### Administrative officers

Administrative officers conduct the general business of the volunteer fire fighters. They also coordinate with the Ladies' Auxillary in fund-raising activities including the annual carnival.

The administrative president elected for 1983 is Gene Barr. He is returning for an additional term as president.

Barr has resided in Poquoson since 1950. He has been with the fire department for about 10 years, has served as administrative secretary for three years, and has held two other terms as administrative president. He, and his wife Edna Insley Barr, live on Little Florida Road.

The other 1983 administrative officers are: Mel Holloway - Vice-President, Robert Jordan - Secretary, Roy Rollins - Treasurer, and Art Marsette -Chaplain.

### Rescue squad officers

Bunkie Carr was elected captain of the rescue squad for 1983, replacing Melissa Holloway.

Carr began his career with the fire department in Sept. 1972 as an apprentice. He also serves as a paid fireman.

The other 1983 rescue squad officers are: Chris Claud - Lieutenant, Marty Stillwell - Secretary/Treasurer, and Darlene Leeson - Chaplain.

The 1983 officers were installed by Mayor Howard G. Forrest at the Annual Installation Banquet held Nov. 27.

### Most valuable apprentice

In addition to electing new officers, each year a Volunteer Apprentice Committee selects a "Most Valuable Apprentice Fireman."

This year's committee members were Marshall Powell, Edward Holloway and James Ruehl.

"The individual selected to receive this plaque each year," said Powell, "is chosen on his overall activities and contributions to the department. Those activities include assisting at fires, getting equipment ready to fight the next fire, attending meetings, and participating with the contest team."

The "Most Valuable Apprentice Fireman of 1982" is Nathan Dryden.

Dryden, 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Dryden, lives at 92 Rens Road and attends Poquoson High School.

As an apprentice Dryden assists the firemen in all duties assigned to him.

"I plan to go into fire fighting as a career," Dryden said. He is currently enrolled in fire fighting through Poquoson High School's vocational education program with Thomas Nelson Community College.

**New officers for the Volunteer Fire Department are, from left, Gene Barr, Bunkie Carr and Jack W. Holloway. (photo by Barbara Rollins-Reed)**